

## EDUCATION IN INDIANA

The TAC was tasked to review and formulate and to make recommendations on the pending revision of the National Standard Curriculum. A sub committee was formed to review the documents and bring a proposal. On October 5, the committee heard the report and debated its merits. After voting, the TAC is sending this recommendation to the Commission as its recommendation.

## RECOMMENDATION **ONE** ADAPT THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EDUCATION STANDARDS

<http://www.ems.gov/education/nationalstandardandnecs.html>

See pages 11, 52, and Appendix B

“Mr. Zartman referred everyone to the document regarding the National Education Standards and current state practice. After reviewing all the documents, the subcommittee recommends adopting the National Education Standards with a few additions. At the First Responder, level adding cervical collars, backboards, and the pulse oximetry/CO monitoring. It is also recommended at this level to continue with Indiana performing all the testing for First Responders. With the large numbers of first responders and this being, the entry level of EMS there was concerns that the cost of National Registry could be an issue. It is recommended that we keep the certification and recertification of the first responders with the Indiana EMS Commission and the other three levels initial certification at the National Registry. This recommendation at the other levels is due to the complexity of developing a good valid test and maintaining that test.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Technical Advisory Committee meeting draft minute accessed November 3, 2010 10:16

1. THAT THE TAC RECOMMENDS THE COMMISSION ADOPT THE SKILLS LISTED IN THE *NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EDUCATION STANDARDS*<sup>2</sup> AS THE MINIMUM TRAINING AND EDUCATION STANDARDS
2. THAT THE COMMISSION CONTINUE TO INCLUDE A NON-VISUALIZED AIRWAY AS PART OF THE EMT CURRICULUM

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See pages 11 and 52

"Mr. Bare commented that besides the non-visualized airways for the EMTs there has also been support for single lead ECG interpretation to remain in place for the Advanced EMTs."<sup>3</sup>

3. THAT THE TAC RECOMMENDS THE COMMISSION REQUIRE ANY FUTURE REQUESTS FOR ANY VARIANCES FROM THE EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS MUST INCLUDE A STATEWIDE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
4. THAT THE TAC RECOMMEND TO THE EMS COMMISSION THAT ON JANUARY 1, 2012 THAT STUDENTS MAY TEST AT THE NATIONAL REGISTRY FOR THE EMT, ADVANCED EMT, OR PARAMEDIC; AND THAT EMT STUDENTS MAY TEST AT THE STATE LEVEL OR THE NATIONAL REGISTRY. BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2013 ALL THE TESTING **EXCEPT EMR** WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE NATIONAL REGISTRY LEVEL.
  - Beginning in 2013 the Commission use as its testing bureau the National Registry of EMTs.
  - The testing would be at all levels except EMR.
5. THAT THE TAC RECOMMENDS THE COMMISSION ADAPT TESTING STANDARD FOR EMR AT A STATE LEVEL TO BE MANAGED BY THE CERTIFICATION SECTION

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.ems.gov/pdf/811077a.pdf> National Emergency Medical Educational Standards accessed November 5, 2010

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## RECOMMENDATION **TWO** OVERSIGHT OF INTERMEDIATE EMT

### 1. THAT THE TAC RECOMMENDS THE COMMISSION LET LAPSE THE EMT INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATION

Over a period of years in the absence of training and education and the attrition of the certified work force will allow this certification to pass on.

### 2. THAT THE EMS COMMISSION TRANSITION INTERMEDIATE EMTs FROM THE CURRENT CERTIFICATION STATUS TO EMT-P LEVEL BY A BRIDGE COURSE

Emergency Medical Services Commission, at the meeting on September 27, 2010, approved a request from Ivy Tech, Evansville, to teach an EMT-I to EMT-P “bridge” course based on a course curriculum submitted to the Commission with their request to approve the course. The Commission approved the course as a pilot program. That a program at the conclusion of the course makes recommendations to the commission as to whether the curriculum should be adopted by the Commission has approved for this pilot program, or suggest alternative curriculum that ensures course participants meet the following goals:

A path to paramedic certification is not achieved without attaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities, including critical thinking skills, as required through the current Commission approved paramedic course curriculum.

The requirement that paramedics are taught by an accredited training institution is achieved

The Commission also assigned the Commission’s Technical Advisory Commission to:

Assign two members with EMS Education experience to monitor the course.

### 3. IN REPORTING AT THE OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WE HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS

- a. DAY TO DAY OVERSIGHT - SHERRY FETTERS
- b. OVERALL OVERSIGHT- JOHN ZARTMAN LEON BELL

- Report to the Commission on the progress of the course and its success and areas for improvements.

### 4. TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK THE TAC IS MAKING A SET OF PROGRAMMATIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO FACILITATE A FULL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION:

- a. THAT THE TAC REVIEW IN-CLASS MODULE EXAMINATION SCORES AND PSYCHOMETRIC OUTCOMES SUCH AS MEAN, MEDIAN, MODE, STANDARD DEVIATION, KR 20 SCORES
- b. THAT IVTC EVANSVILLE PROVIDE A REPORT FROM CONFIRMING CLINICAL COMPETENCIES

- c. THAT IVTC EVANSVILLE PROVIDE A COPY THE RESULTS OF THE CoAEMSP [STUDENT RESOURCE SURVEY](#) INSTRUMENT COMPETED AT THE END OF THE COURSE
  - d. THAT THE TAC INTERVIEW EACH STUDENT UPON COMPLETION OF CLASS
  - e. THAT IVTC EVANSVILLE PERFORM A PROGRAM EVALUATION AT THE COMPLETION OF THE COURSE FOR REVIEW BY THE TAC
  - f. THAT MEMBERS OF THE TAC OBSERVE THE NATIONAL REGISTRY FIRST HAND
  - g. THAT MEMBERS OF THE TAC INTERVIEW THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR AT THE COMPLETION OF THE COURSE
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- 5. THAT THE TAC RECOMMENDS IVTC EVANSVILLE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE COURSE APPLICATION TO THE TAC AS PART OF THE COMMISSION APPROVAL PROCESS
  - 6. THAT THE TAC RECOMMENDS THE IVTC EVANSVILLE PROVIDE A NREMT PARAMEDIC EXAMINATION PASS-FAIL REPORT OF THE UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.
  - 7. THAT IVTC EVANSVILLE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE CoAEMSP ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE TO THE TAC AND THE COMMISSION